

# THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, FEB. 1, 1900

## WANTS VEST'S PLACE.

### The St. Joseph Man's Way of Settling Contempt Cases.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Judge Spencer of St. Joseph, Mo., general counsel for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, will be a candidate for the Senate to succeed Mr. Vest. Judge Spencer has been in Washington for the past ten days, and the news of his intentions has leaked out since his arrival.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 25.—The announcement of the candidacy of Judge Spencer for the Senate recalls a story about him when he was circuit Judge. Stephen S. Brown, a lawyer practicing at the bar, had made some remarks which Judge Spencer considered insulting, during the trial of a case. Judge Spencer never filed a lawyer for contempt, during the whole time he was on the bench. He had a method of his own for dealing with such cases. After the trial he called Brown up in front of the bar.

"Steve," he said, "you made a remark a while ago in which I think you intended to insult me. Was that your intention?"

"Your honor—" said Brown, but Spencer stopped him.

"You needn't address me as 'your honor,'" he said. "This is not a case of that kind. Right now I am just Spencer, and if you intended to insult me, just walk in the next room and I'll fight it out in less than two minutes."

Brown said he intended no insult, and the matter was dropped.

## "I'M LICKED."

### "Call Off the Dog," Says Bigamist Roberts—He's Going Back Home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon Congressman-elect Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, said:

"I expect to lose the fight. The Lacey amendment, I think, will be adopted. I will return to my home. I have looked into the matter and find that even if excluded I cannot take the case into the United States supreme court. I might sue for my salary, mileage, etc., but if there is any way of making the United States a present of the money I shall be glad to pursue that way."

A later dispatch from Washington says: The case of Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon Representative-elect from Utah, which has occupied so much of the attention of the House since the assembling of Congress, was decided to-day by the adoption of a resolution to exclude him by a vote of 208 to 50.

## Eggs for All Ills.

For countless ages the long suffering hen has been an overworked creature. Her humble occupation of laying eggs has been her little glory, and yet she has never complained. She has cheerfully performed her duties, and when old age has incapacitated her for further usefulness as an egg producer she has accepted with fortitude her fate as the central figure in the homely potpie or the enigmatical boarding house stew. But it is as a patient layer of eggs that her life work is best known.

Now, however, fame promises to perch on her brow, and her faithfulness of duty is about to be rewarded. A French chemist has discovered that hens can not only digest iron easily, but that it is transmitted to the albumen in their eggs. In his experiments he has given salt of iron to hens with their regular diet of cracked wheat, and has found that they produce eggs highly impregnated with

a health producing property, which is in turn readily digested by the human stomach. The Frenchman is said to be experimenting in a similar manner with other drugs, notably pepsi and malt guaiac.

Here are untold possibilities for the hen. She may eventually drive the manufacture of pills and powders out of business entirely. If we have dy pepsi the hen will lay an egg for us that will cause us to feel at peace with all the world. If our liver is torpid there will be an egg for that. For a bad cold take an egg impregnated with quinine. In fact the usual query: "How will you have your eggs this morning?" will assume quite a new importance. The time may not be far distant when, instead of having a family physician, all that will be necessary will be to keep a hen.

## AUDRAIN PRIMARIES.

### The Votes Cast up in the Years 1896 and 1898.

Centralia Courier.

—APRIL 16, 1896—

#### For Representative.

T. A. McIntyre,	716
James Bradley,	1,310
Goodwin Creason,	1,161

#### For Sheriff.

J. F. Harrison,	1,116
M. N. Nelson,	1,230
G. W. Ridgeway,	437
C. G. Baker,	385
J. C. Wood,	147

#### Prosecuting Attorney.

W. W. Jotts,	1,456
R. D. Rodgers,	1,883

#### For Collector.

J. W. Dowell,	1,294
T. B. Brown,	850
J. T. Leeper,	1,096

#### For Assessor.

J. A. Harrison,	675
L. M. Hendrix,	653
Taylor Berry,	716
J. R. McDonald,	292
S. A. Polis,	595
W. T. Kendal,	272

#### For Surveyor.

J. E. Jesse,	548
G. E. Daniels,	586
A. P. Ellis,	418
C. K. Allen,	514
R. S. McKinney,	1,196

#### Judge Western District.

J. S. Crews,	578
J. A. Roberts,	378
H. T. Spurling,	654
G. W. Batterton,	373

—MAY, 1898—

#### For Representative.

J. A. Medley,	1,209
J. R. Shell,	925
C. F. Clark,	1,521

#### For Collector.

W. W. Johnson,	653
G. W. Daniels,	691
W. W. Settle,	218
C. C. Davis,	255
J. H. Davis,	91
Albert Harrison,	539
T. B. Brown,	297
J. T. Leeper,	1,016

#### Circuit Clerk.

P. M. Morris,	1,842
J. C. Buckner,	1,932

#### County Clerk.

J. S. Snidow,	2,205
J. M. Barnes,	1,583

#### For Recorder.

F. P. Carter,	449
J. T. Williams,	845
J. N. Cross,	323
B. W. Hall,	95
S. E. Kendall,	803
T. H. Slavens,	310
W. H. Turner,	388
J. Y. McLean,	269
C. H. Bruce,	112

#### Probate Judge.

S. M. Edwards,	1,686
C. T. Allen,	1,181
S. W. Bickley,	885

## Andrain Courts.

Circuit Court—3rd Monday in January, 1st Monday in June, 3d Monday in September.

County Court—1st Monday in February, 1st Monday in May, 1st Monday in August, 1st Monday in November.

Probate Court—2d Monday in January, 2d Monday in March, 2d Monday in May, 2d Monday in September.

# POULTRY.



There are a number of ways of selecting eggs to send to market. The best of these ways is to put each egg before a candle held on the other side of a box or board through which a hole has been made. When we say candle of course we recognize the fact that an actual candle is not necessary—any kind of a light will do provided it be powerful enough to send its light through the egg. Only fresh eggs should be sent to market, especially if private customers are being supplied.

The size of the windows has much to do with the comfort or discomfort of the fowls in winter. Sad to relate, most of the poultry houses owned by farmers have but small windows, though we believe that the idea of having large windows is growing. The poultry house that has to accommodate say fifty hens and has a single window two feet square is an abomination, and it is no wonder that in flocks so kept diseases are frequent and destructive. If but one window can be put in a poultry house, it should certainly be a large one, but it is better to have a number of windows.

## Candling Eggs.

The aforetime egg-buyer, sitting in the cellar of his store with a lighted candle, before which he holds up an egg at a time to judge of its soundness, has been superseded, writes a Sedalia correspondent of a St. Louis paper. He would never come to the end of the 33,935,000 dozens which the Missouri farmers' wives now bring to town in twelve months. The average price paid to producers for eggs is about 19 cents a dozen. That was the rate in what are known as the months of greatest egg production—March, April and to the 10th of May. After that there was a brief period when prices ran as low as 4 cents. It was the time of the highest percentage of bad eggs. In June and July the life of an egg handler is not a happy one. It is the season of most hiding, fens will be secretive. June and July are months in which the egg-buyer would, if he could, gladly take a vacation and go to Alaska, where the only egg known is the one frozen solid. In August the harvest of bad eggs is over. The quality is again restored to normal. Prices are now 11 and 12 cents a dozen to farmers' wives. Aside from this brief depreciation, prices of eggs have varied 2 cents a dozen the past season, which speaks exceedingly well for the new methods. The surplus of eggs of last April went into cold storage to await the demand next winter.

"Candling" is still the name of the process of testing eggs, although the candle has gone out of date. In the darkness of the poultry and egg house hangs an electric light. It is in a case with two bright eyes. The egg-testers sit on either side of the electric light. They raise two eggs at a time from the cases in which they come from the buyers, and hold them for a moment between the electric eyes and the human vision. The decision is instant. The movement which follows is so rapid that it is hard to follow. Examining two eggs at a time, the tester must conclude at once in which of five directions each egg shall go. There are three grades of merchantable eggs. But there are also two tubs to receive eggs of a fourth and fifth classification. If an egg is sound and whole it may be a "Western extra," a "small and dirty" or a "second." But there may be a crack in the shell. The wear of transportation means the cracking of a great many eggs. The moment the tester detects a crack his hand goes toward one of the tubs. With a deft turn of the wrist he completes the fracture, empties the contents of the shell into the tub, and tosses the shell to the second tub. Then there are the bad eggs. They go into the other tub as quick as the tester can drop them. The economies of the business have not yet developed use for a spoiled egg. Shells of the cracked eggs and bad eggs are hauled away and thrown on the ground. They have some fertilizing value, but not enough to pay for the cartage. The egg-house pays for the removal and disposition of the bad eggs.

"Extras" hardly need explanation. They are the large, clean and sound eggs. When it is stated that they are worth 17½ cents a dozen, their superior character is indicated. The "small and dirty" speaks for itself. But there is this to be said, the "small and dirty" must be perfectly sound. The size and the dirt on the shell make it worth only 9 cents to 11 cents a dozen. Then come the "seconds," which betray signs of age. The "seconds" are an article of commerce at from 7 to 9 cents a dozen. It is the egg that is only a little old, and passes very well when tastes are not too critical. The extras go into new cases with perfect packing. In them the dealer finds his profit.

In the Sedalia egg-house there is a man who has been "candling" twelve years. He confesses frankly that he is all the time learning something new about eggs as he turns the electric ray on them, and he admits that he has gathered some additional experience in the detection of rotten eggs the present season. This man says that an average two dozen of eggs as they come to the central depot from buyers at the Missouri railroad stations will classify into one cracked, two rotten, six seconds, two small and dirty and thirteen extras.

American cattle shipped to England have to remain in quarantine 40 days.

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## Kaffir Corn in Audrain.

R. E. L. Brashers, of this county writes the following to Galman's Rural World, at St. Louis:

Mr. Harstad's letter in a late issue prompts me to give my experience with Kaffir corn. Having procured 50 pounds of seed of the white variety, I planted a patch in the orchard June 25, using a corn planter, with plates to suit the seed, which dropped three to five seeds to the hills. The ground being in good till, I planted shallow, not more than an inch deep, which is easily done when the patent runner hoe or covers are used, which arrangements I consider a boon to corn growers. Shortly after this planting we had excessive rain, and about half a sack was secured. This was cultivated, without replanting, the same as we cultivate corn, with disc-shovel plow. The plants being small like sorghum and in this case thin on the ground, the prospect looked decidedly slim until the second or third plowing, when they seemed to take a start, and after this they grew very rapidly to the height of five and a half or six feet, some of the stalks attaining a size of an inch and a half in diameter, rooting stronger than common corn. Where the land was comparatively strong the heads were ten inches or a foot in length and closely seed-d, would have made a pint of seed to the bush, and matured perfectly before our first killing frost, after which it was cut and put in sacks. I think it should be cut and set up in half shocks two or three days before they are finished, for being so full of sap, the heads are inclined to mould when shocks are finished at once.

Another patch was planted July 7, which was just heading when the first stopped it. This I commenced cutting and giving to milk cows and work horses shortly after being finished. The cows were running on short blue grass and had to let some on their milk. They ate this fodder readily and doubled their flow of milk in three days from first feed.

The remainder of my 50 pounds

of seed I planted July 15 on a piece of ground where we failed to get a stand of corn, running planter in same track made when planting to corn, but owing to late planting, the drought and lack of cultivation this piece amounted to very little and yet had it been sown so we could have turned stock on it before the frost it would have furnished lots of pasture, as it puts up new shoots after being bitten or cut off.

As to the method of planting Kaffir corn, I am not prepared to say which is the best, but I am convinced that planting in rows three and a half feet apart and cultivated the same as corn will make more feed and a lot of feed for growing stock than corn, there being no waste. I will give further experience later.

## Riverside Scripture Institute.

The winter term of this Institute will be held at the Baptist church at Vandalia, Mo., opening at 2:30 p. m. on Monday, February 5th.

The first exercise will be devotional service. The purpose and aim of this Institute is an increase of Biblical knowledge. The very best available mode of work suited to this end has been adopted. The Holy Bible is the center. How to study the Bible, and how to teach the Bible will be the all absorbing questions. If you are interested in these questions, by all means attend the meeting of the Institute. Note the time of opening. Each person attending is earnestly requested to bring a writing tablet and a Bible. A cordial welcome to all.

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Solo—Miss Bessie Vaughn.

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Cowherd.

Response—James Bledsoe.

"When should a boy or girl leave a district school?" Prof. F. L. Bruce.

"High schools, how to obtain them?" Prof. N. B. Barnes, A. M.

Vaugh, G. S. Trimble.

Principles of class management—Prof. J. B. Rogers and C. B. Hughey.

SOON.

Song—Peak school.

Recitations—Two from each of the following schools: Santa Fe, Dasher, Watemish, Piddletown, Duly (Audrain County), Tillet, Peak, Wamman, Stoutsville, South Fork.

"How and what to teach girls?"—Miss Mary Miller.

"What do you teach boys?"—Prof. G. F. Burdette.

A prepared talk of fifteen minutes from the following gentlemen on the subject after each name: Prof. F. L. Bruce, "War with the British;" Prof. G. F. Burdette, "Uncle Sam's new gains;" Prof. J. B. Rogers, Social Evils; Prof. E. M. Woody, "The world's big schools."

Remarks from visitors and directors.

Adjournment.

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No. 49, St. Louis Lim., 2:00 a. m.

No. 51, Chicago, 11:30 p. m.

No. 59, W. V. Fr't., 11:00 a. m.

WEST-BOUND TRAINS LEAVE—

No. 48, Mail, 1:08 p. m.

No. 50, K. C. Lim., 2:00 a. m.

No. 52, Denver Lim., 2:45 a. m.

No. 100, W. V. Fr't., 11:00 a. m.

JEFFERSON CITY BRANCH.

No. 140, Leaves, 7:15 a. m.

No. 138, Leaves, 1:15 p. m.

No. 137, Arr's, 11:00 a. m.

No. 139, Arr's, 4:15 p. m.

\*Daily Except Sunday.

WABASH RAIL ROAD.

Going East.

No. 4 Atlantic Expr's., 2:58 a. m.

No. 14 St. Louis, 3:52 a. m.

No. 10, Aecom, 7:05 a. m.

No. 12 Mail, 3:03 p. m.

No. 2 N. V. Limited, 3:15 p. m.

No. 6 Fast Mail, 10:45 p. m.

No. 70 W. V. Fr't. (ex Sn), 8:50 a. m.

No. 64 Through Fr't., 8:10 p. m.

Going West.

No. 13 Mail, 11:27 a. m.

No. 3 Limited, 12:22 p. m.

No. 5 Moberly Aecom, 9:02 p. m.

No. 1 Pacific Express, 10:25 p. m.

No. 7 Denver Lim., 12:25 a. m.

No. 9 K. C. Mail, 5:14 p. m.

No. 71 W. V. Fr't. (ex Sn), 3:18 p. m.

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